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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Ira Combs, Jr., The Greater Bible Way Temple, Jackson, Michigan, offered the following prayer:

Of course let us remember, blessed are the brief, for they shall be heard again.

With bowed heads at this time, we want to, before giving the prayer, give honor to Congressman NICK SMITH, the Honorable President George W. Bush, the Speaker of the House, and all the distinguished Members of this body.

Again with bowed heads, Almighty and Eternal God, our provider and continual sustenance, we Your public servants disrobe ourselves of our personal pride and bow our heads in humility.

We ask for forgiveness for our individual and collective shortcomings as a people. We petition Your divine assistance, requesting that You script our prayers to reflect a deep and abiding appreciation for the rich historicity our Founding Fathers have left us in the creative inspiration of our Nation's Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Inspire us as Republicans, Democrats, Independents and others to never forget the virtues upon which this Nation's democracy was founded, the precepts that are the cause of our current prosperity, and, finally, bless us with reverence for You as a loving and abiding and caring Creator.

Help us seek peaceful and cooperative communion with You, our fellow man, our colleagues, and in each of our communities of faith, never forgetting and ever remembering that it is faith in You that has brought us, blessed us and kept us.

In Your mighty name we pray, and all the people said, Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New York (Mr. McNULTY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. McNULTY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H. Con. Res. 74. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the 20th annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service.

H. Con. Res. 108. Concurrent resolution honoring the National Science Foundation for 50 years of service to the Nation.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed with amendment, in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 428. An act concerning the participation of Taiwan in the World Health Organization.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAIG), from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 9355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, reappoints the following Senators to the Board of

Visitors of the United States Air Force Academy—

the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. HOLLINGS) (from the Committee on Appropriations); and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. CLELAND) (At Large).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Ohio (Mr. DEWINE), from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 4355(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Military Academy—

the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) (At Large); and

the Senator from Louisiana (Mrs. LANDRIEU) (from the Committee on Appropriations).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, appoints the Senator from Mississippi (Mr. COCHRAN), from the Committee on Appropriations, to the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy.

The message also announced that pursuant to section 6968(a) of title 10, United States Code, the Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, reappoints the following Senators to the Board of Visitors of the United States Naval Academy—

the Senator from Maryland (Mr. SARBANES) (At Large); and

the Senator from Maryland (Ms. MIKULSKI) (from the Committee on Appropriations).

The message also announced that pursuant to section 194(a) of title 14, United States Code, as amended by Public Law 101-595, and upon the recommendation of the Chairman of the

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